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### Regulatory/Program Support:

- *Science Transparency Rule Briefing.* On October 2, Maria Doa (OSP) met with the new Deputy Assistant Administrator for Research, David Dunlap, to provide a briefing on the Science Transparency Rule Rulemaking.
- *Lead and Copper Rule and Lead Free Rule Briefings.* On October 2, David Dunlap and Fred Hauchman attended an Early Guidance briefing for Acting Administrator Wheeler on the Lead and Copper Rule. The meeting also included an Options Selection briefing on the proposed 2017 regulation entitled “Use of Lead Free Pipes, Fittings, Fixtures, Solder and Flux for Drinking Water.”

### Regions, States and Tribes:

- *Prescribed Fires.* On October 4 from 10:00 – 11:00 EST, Dawn Taylor (Region 4 RSL) will co-host a webinar with the Region 4 Science Council and the Air Pesticides and Toxics Management Division to discuss impacts of prescribed fires and smoke in Region 4. The webinar is open to EPA and states. [Call in: 470-705-2279; code 6154688# <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/r4rsc/>]
- *Regional Year of Science Event on PFAS.* On October 4, Regions 5 and 7 will host a joint *Year of Science* kick-off event for regional and other EPA staff. These events, held monthly, will highlight regional lab capacities and common human health and environmental issues. This month the topic will be PFAS. Amy Shields (Region 7 RSL), Carole Braverman (Region 5 RSL), Rob Weber and Chuck Maurice (OSP) are working with senior regional staff to plan these events.
- *Green Infrastructure Research.* On October 3, Amy Shields (Region 7 RSL) is meeting with Bill Shuster and Matt Hopton (NRMRL), USGS, the Mayor of St. Louis, the City of St. Louis, and the Missouri Department of Conservation to discuss research goals and select monitoring sites for a USGS/EPA Interagency Agreement related to research around the intersection of demolition practices, stormwater absorption and vacant lots in the City of St. Louis.
- *PFAS Presentation for Tribal Partners.* On October 3, Amy Shields (Region 7 RSL) is coordinating with Andrew Gillespie (NERL) to provide a webinar presentation on PFAS for the Regional Tribal Operations Committee quarterly meeting at the Meskwaki Nation in Onawa, IA, at the request of the Region 7 Office of Tribal and International Director.
- *Microplastics.* From October 3-5, Anna-Marie Cook (OSP) will attend an open house and microplastics workshop at the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory in Cambridge, MA. Anna-Marie is providing subject matter expertise for a CRADA project on the development of an aquatic in-situ microplastic screening sensor. Other attendees include EPA staff from Regions 9 and 1, as well as ORD’s Atlantic Ecology Division.

- *Superfund.*
  - On October 2, Felicia Barnett (OSP) and Region 4 technical staff were in Asheville, NC, for a workshop and demonstration of Electrical Resistance Heating techniques that are being used to remediate trichloroethene contamination at the CTS Superfund site.
  - This week, Region 8 Superfund staff are conducting composite and incremental soil sampling in conjunction with activity based sampling for dust exposure as part of an OSP-supported research project at the Bonita Peak Mining District Superfund site in Colorado.

#### **Last Week Highlights**

- *Workgroup meetings attended by Program Support Staff*
  - Residential Dust-Lead Hazard Standards; Final Rule (Tier 1) – Steve Watkins
  - Engine Test Cells Risk and Technology Review; Proposed Rule (Tier 2) – Stan Durkee
  - Regulation of Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic Chemicals Under TSCA Section 6(h); Proposed Rule (Tier 2) – Jace Cuje
  - PFOA/PFOS Groundwater Guidance; Guidance (Tier 3) – Jace Cuje
  - 2020 Multi-Sector General Permit; Draft Permit (Tier 3) – Kate O’Mara
  - Federal Baseline Water Quality Standards for Indian Reservations; Proposed Rule (Tier 3) – Nicole Shao

#### **Upcoming Meeting**

- *Hazard Mitigation and Resilience.* On October 9, Amy Shields (Region 7 RSL) will host the Federal Emergency Management Agency at the EPA Region 7 office for a planning discussion with the USGS, NOAA, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal partners. The goal of this meeting of the Federal Mitigation and Resilience Kansas City workgroup will be to plan for a meeting in December with Region 7 states and non-governmental organizations on hazard mitigation.

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